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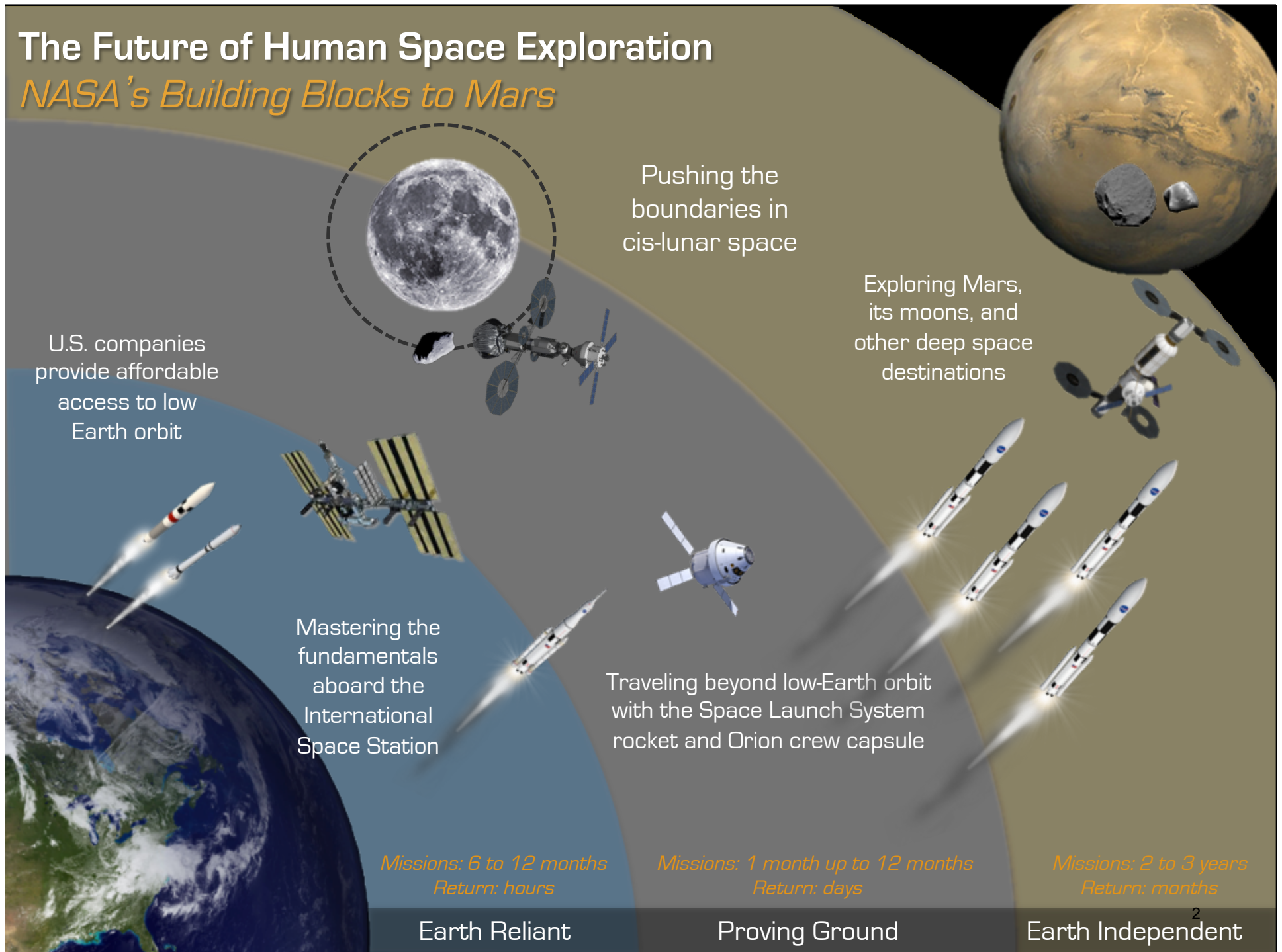


Asteroid Redirect Mission Building Human Space Flight Exploration Capabilities

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The Future of Human Space Exploration

NASA's Building Blocks to Mars



Asteroid Redirect Mission Provides Capabilities For Deep Space/Mars Missions

In-space Power and Propulsion :

- High Efficiency Solar Arrays and SEP advance state of art toward capability required for Mars
- Robotic ARM mission 40kW vehicle components prepare for Mars cargo delivery architectures
- Power enhancements feed forward to Deep Space Habitats and Transit Vehicles

High Efficiency
Large Solar Arrays

Solar
Electric
Propulsion
(SEP)

Exploration
EVA
Capabilities

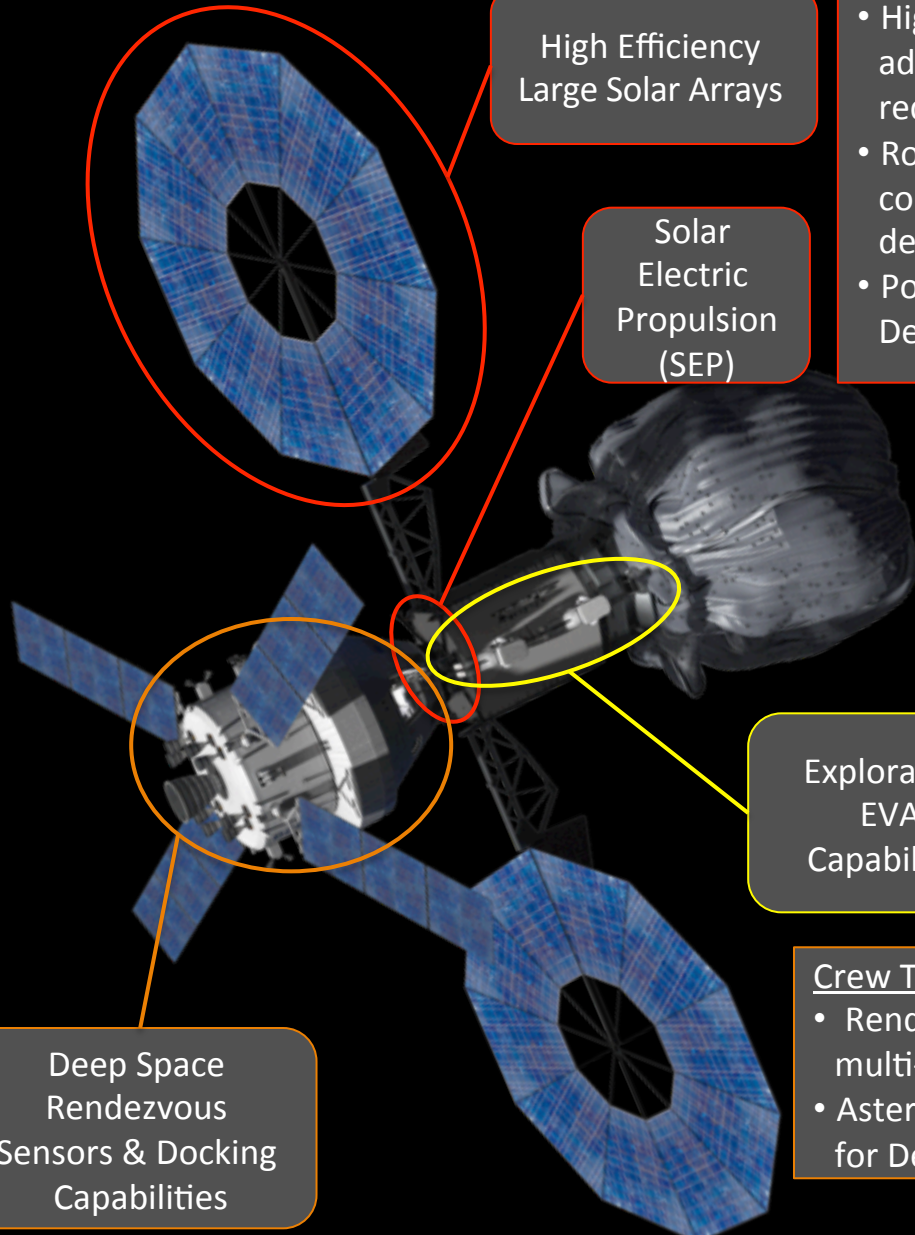
Deep Space
Rendezvous
Sensors & Docking
Capabilities

EVA:

- Build capability for future exploration through Primary Life Support System Design which accommodates Mars
- Test sample collection and containment techniques including planetary protection
- Follow-on missions in DRO can provide more capable exploration suit and tools

Crew Transportation and Operations:

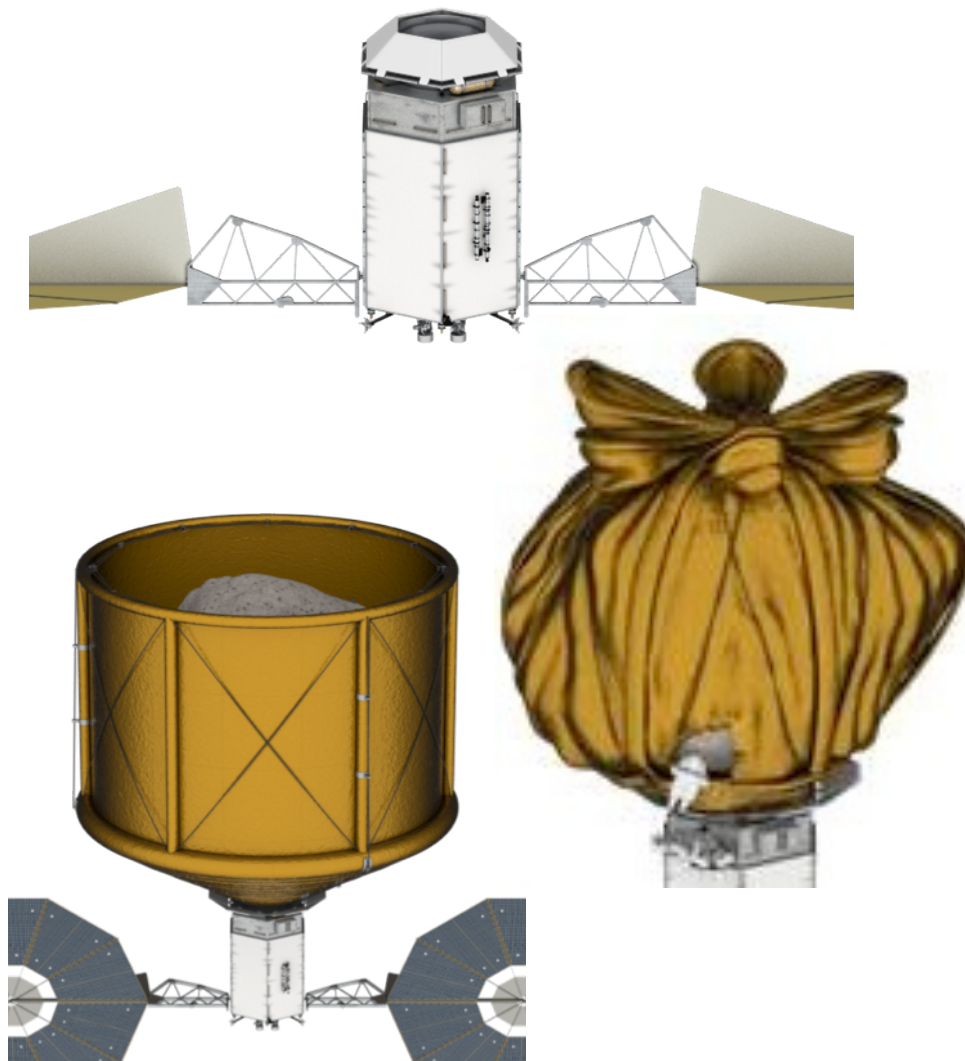
- Rendezvous Sensors and Docking Systems provide a multi-mission capability needed for Deep Space and Mars
- Asteroid Initiative in cis-lunar space is a proving ground for Deep Space operations, trajectory, and navigation.



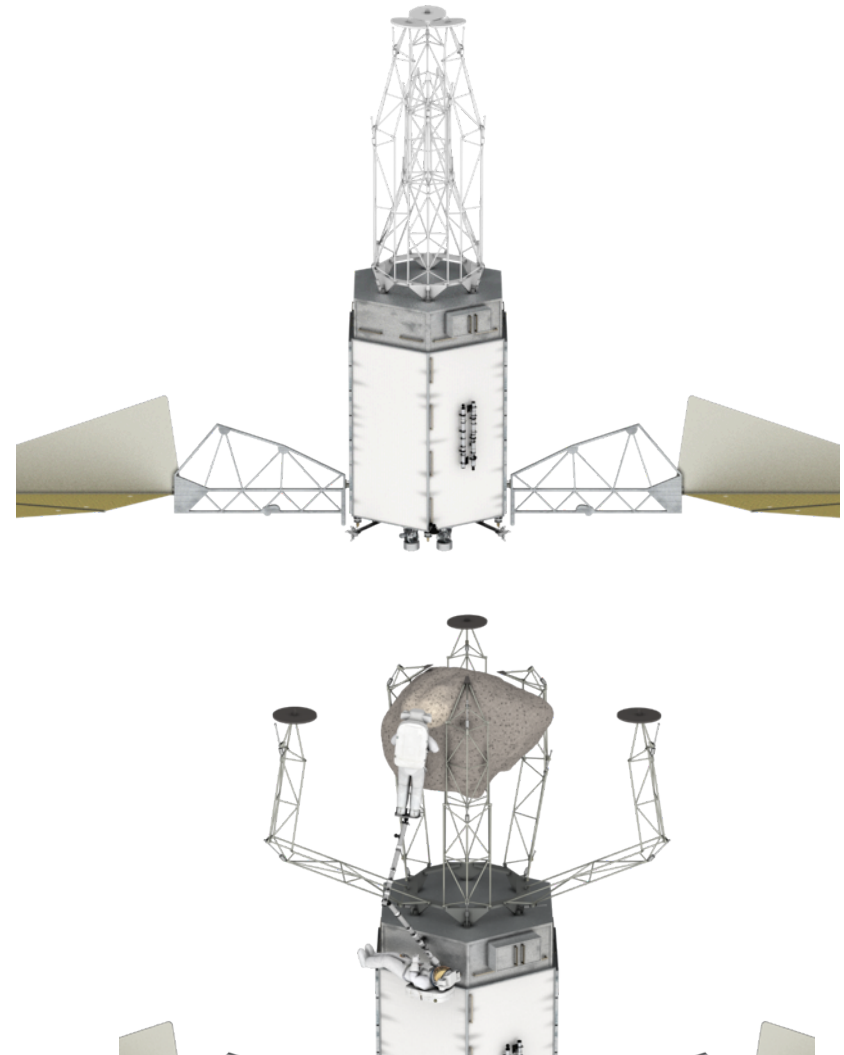
Robotic Mission Concept Options



Small Asteroid Capture: Option A



Larger Asteroid Boulder Capture: Option B



Asteroid Redirect Crewed Mission

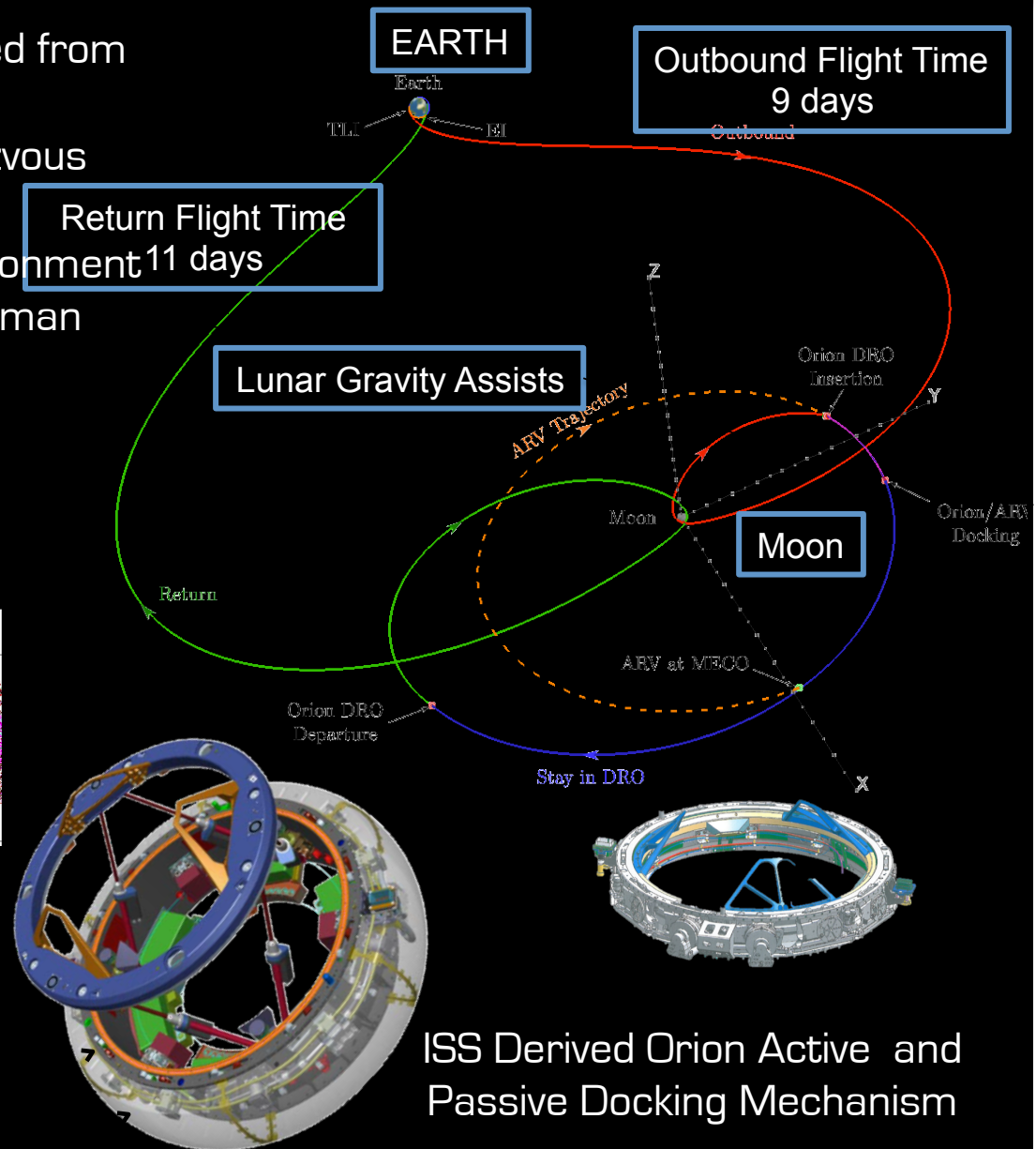
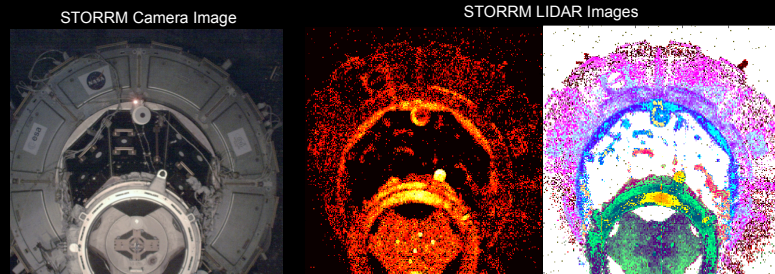


Leveraging Existing Investments:

Deep Space Trajectory, Rendezvous, Docking



- Rendezvous/prox-ops sensors derived from Space Shuttle Detailed Tests
- Trajectory launch constraints, rendezvous techniques, navigation enable Mars
- Lunar gravity assist is learning environment for Mars cargo pre-deployment or human Venus fly-by
- Docking System is Derived from ISS International Docking System

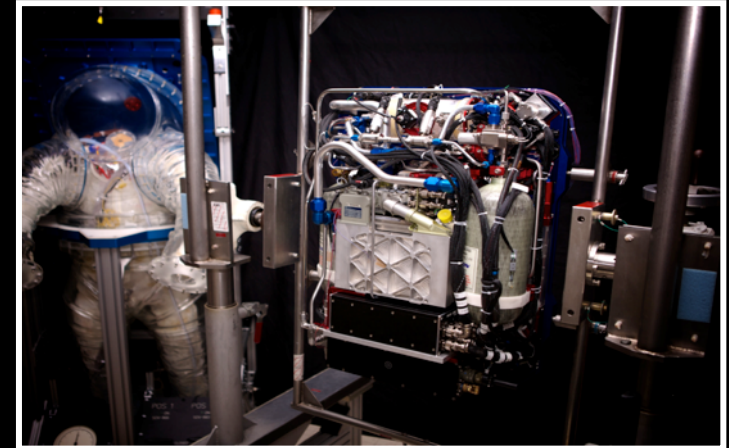


Leveraging Existing Investments: EVA Suit and Primary Life Support System (PLSS)



- Exploration PLSS- capable with small modifications of ISS EVA demonstration, Exploration Suit, or Modified Advanced Crew Escape Suit (MACES) via an architecture that is Mars capable
 - Initial PLSS prototype completed in FY13
 - WSTF Variable Oxygen Regulator flammability testing
 - Integrated metabolic and functional testing in FY14
- Exploration Suit - Architecture support mission requirements, represented in a Mars mission, that is applicable to any surface, and adaptable for micro-gravity

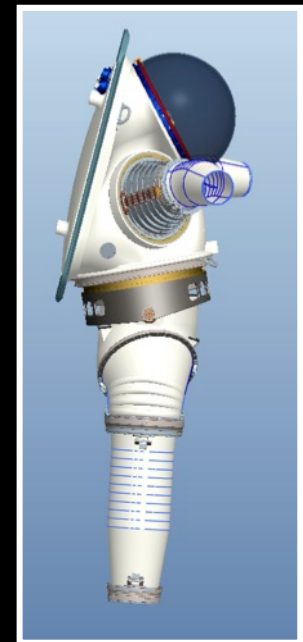
Completed
PLSS 2.0
Test Article



MACES with PLSS
and EVA Suit Kit



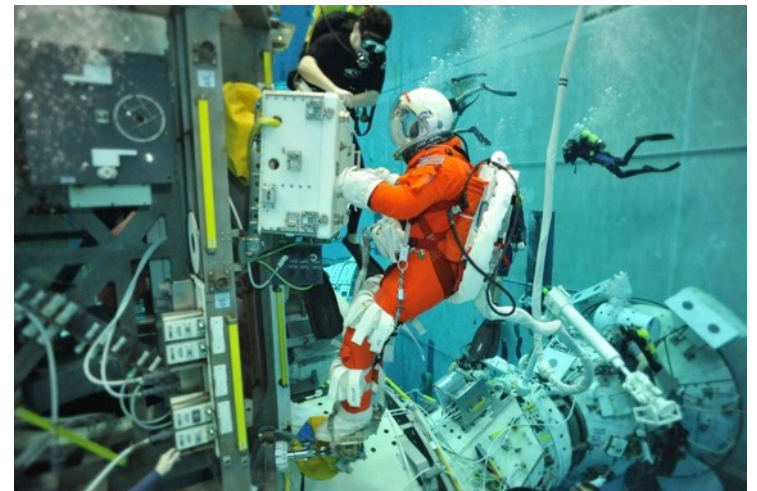
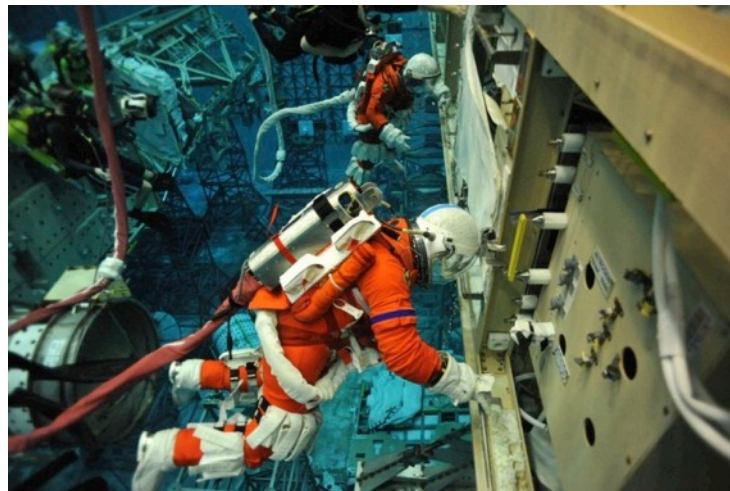
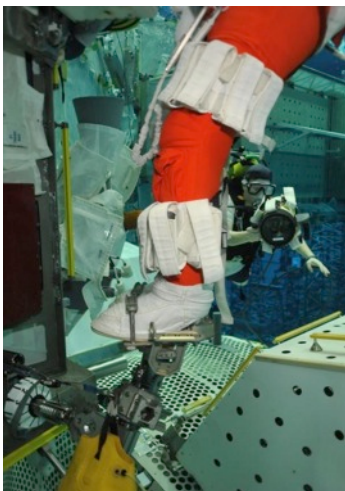
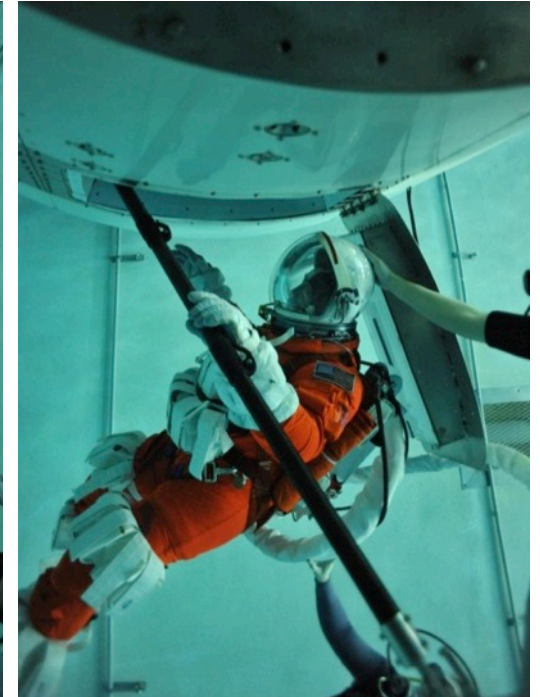
Z-2 Exploration
Suit



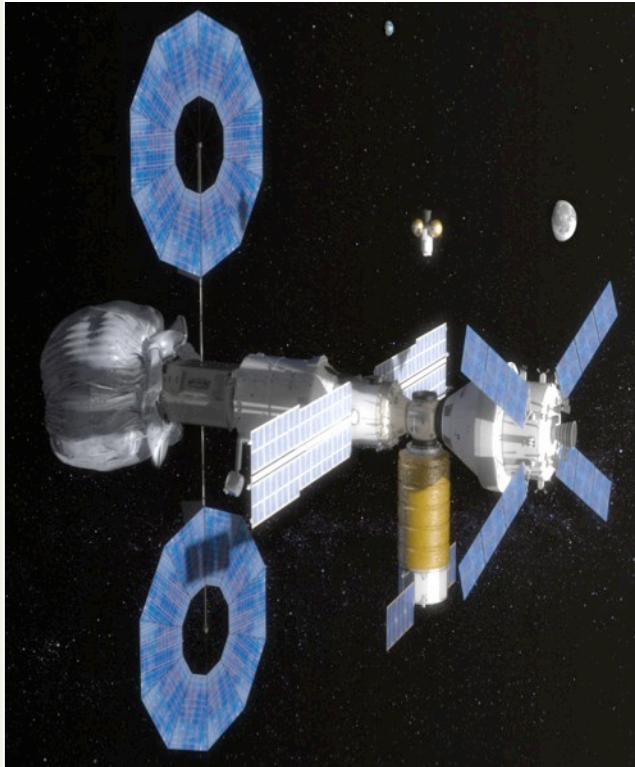
Modified ACES EVA Testing in NBL



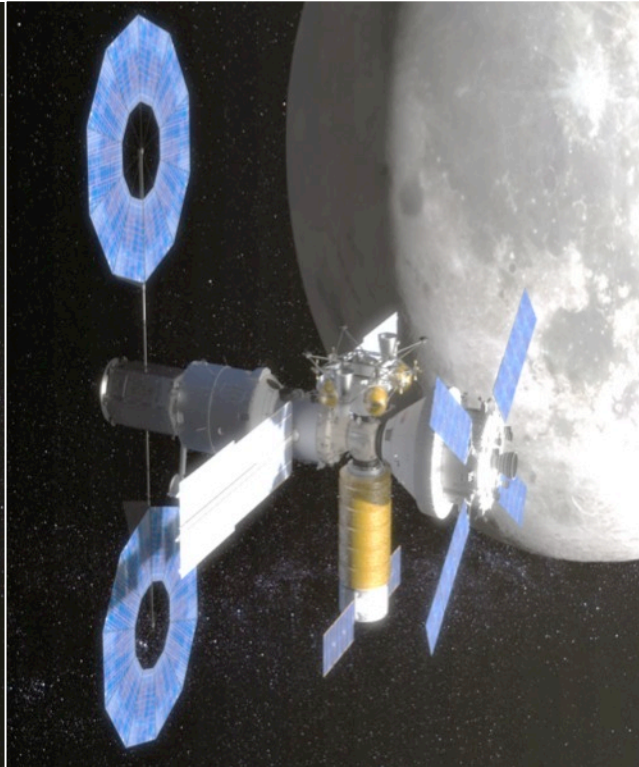
- February 2014 testing focused on first portion of spacewalk (egress, translation, worksite prep):
 - 2 Crew Capability
 - Enhanced Suits with arm bearing and positioning
 - EMU Boots
 - Portable Foot Restraint
- April test series will emphasize sample capture and worksite stability



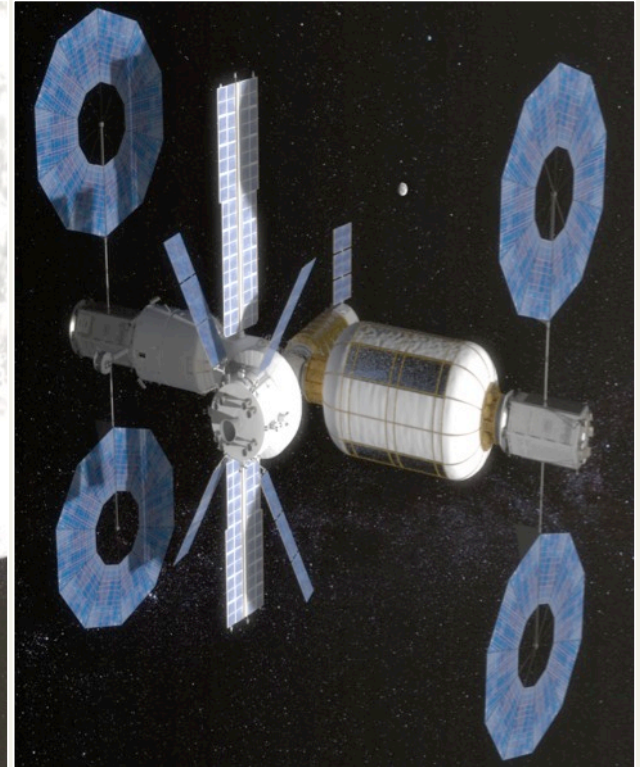
Asteroid Redirect Mission Builds upon Orion/SLS to enable Global Exploration Roadmap



**Asteroid Exploitation
Missions**



**Lunar Vicinity
Missions**



**Deep Space
Missions**



Human Exploration Pathways

Mastering the Fundamentals

- Extended Habitation Capability (ISS)
 - High Reliability Life Support
- Deep-space Transportation (SLS and Orion)
- Exploration EVA
- Automated Rendezvous & Docking
- Docking System

Pushing the Boundaries

- Deep Space Operations
 - Deep Space Trajectories
 - Deep Space Radiation Environment
 - Integrated Human/Robotic Vehicle
- Advanced In-Space Propulsion (SEP)
 - Moving Large Objects
- Exploration of Solar System Bodies

On to Mars

Towards Earth Independent
Crewed Orbit of Mars or Phobos/Deimos

Land on Mars

To Moon And Beyond
(International and/or Industry Partners)

To Mars

“Bringing the Moon Within
Economic Sphere of Earth”

ISS and ARM Provides First Steps to Mars



	Mission Sequence	Current ISS Mission	Asteroid Redirect Mission	Long Stay In Deep Space	Mars Orbit	Mars Surface, Short Stay	Mars Surface, Long Stay
Mars Destination Capabilities	In Situ Resource Utilization & Surface Power						X
	Surface Habitat						X
	Entry Descent Landing, Human Lander					X	X
	Advanced Cryogenic Upper Stage				X	X	X
Initial Exploration Capabilities	Deep Space Habitat			X	X	X	X
	Exploration EVA		X	X	X	X	X
	Solar Electric Propulsion for Cargo		X	X	X	X	X
	Deep Space Guidance Navigation and Control/Automated Rendezvous		X	X	X	X	X
	Crew Operations Beyond LEO – High Speed Entry (Orion)		X	X	X	X	X
	Heavy Lift Beyond LEO (SLS)		X	X	X	X	X
ISS Derived Capabilities	Deep Space Habitat	* →		X	X	X	X
	High Reliability Life Support	* →		X	X	X	X
	Autonomous Assembly	* →		X	X	X	X ¹¹

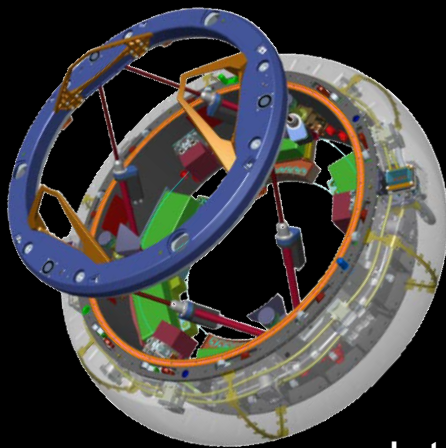
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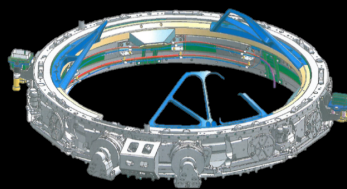


Docking System

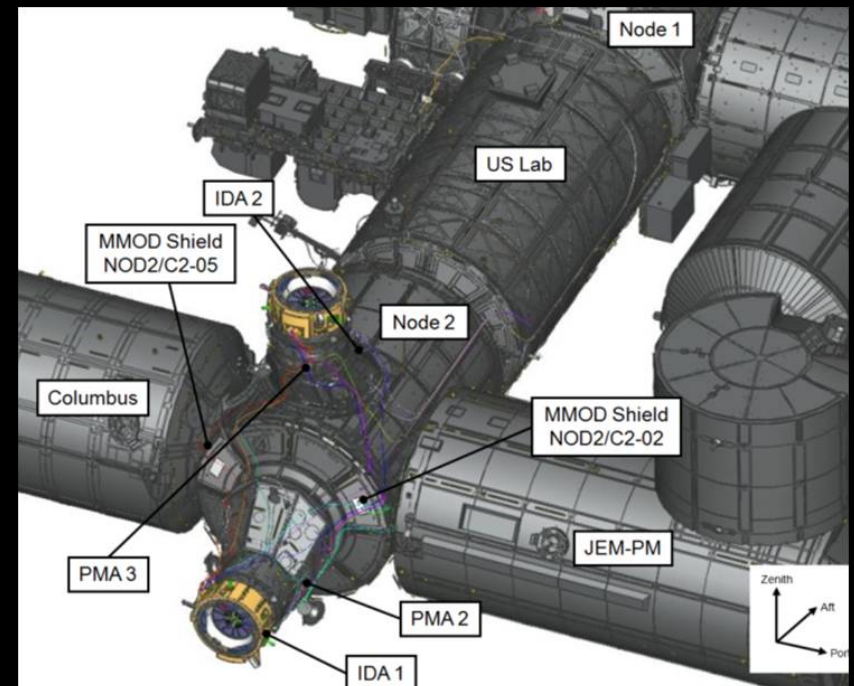
- Docking System for Orion and Robotic Spacecraft leverages development of International Docking System Block 1
- All Mars/Deep Space Architectures will require some form of autonomous docking



Orion Active
Docking
Mechanism



Robotic Spacecraft
Passive Docking
Mechanism

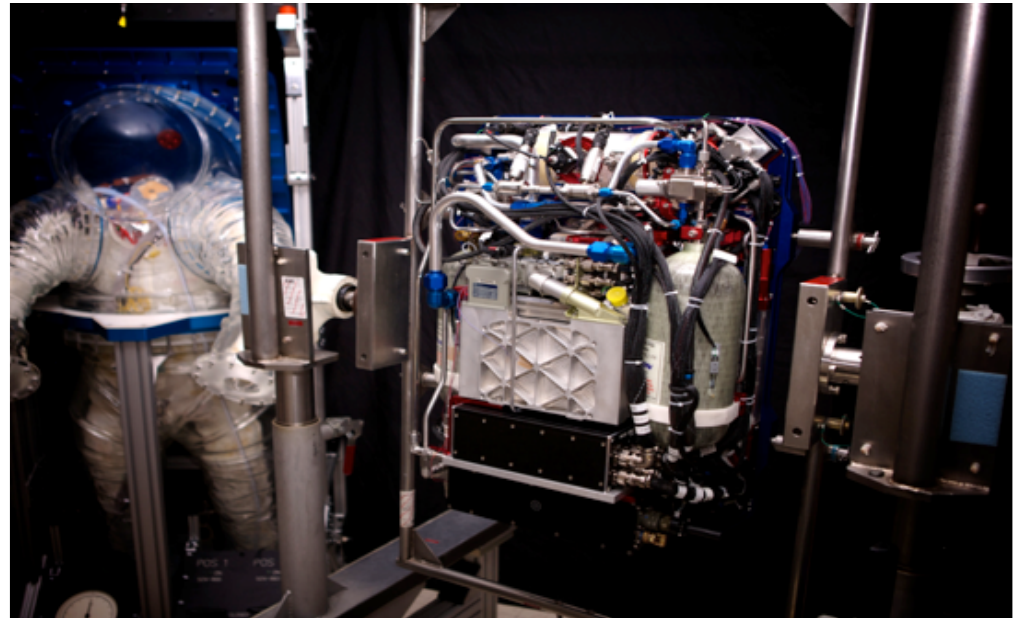


- International Docking Adapter will create a docking port on ISS to provide power and data utility connections to visiting vehicles
- Beginning FY14 study with ISS Program to evaluate Block I to Block II:
 - Voltage and avionics
 - Deep space environment
 - Mass reduction opportunities
 - Overall system design efficiency

EVA Suit and Primary Life Support System (PLSS)

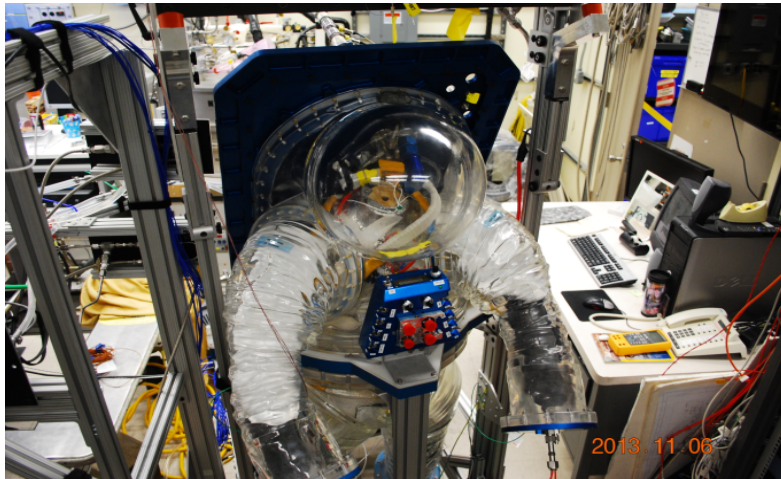


- **Exploration PLSS- capable with small modifications of ISS EMU, Exploration Suit, or M-CES with architecture that is Mars capable**
 - PLSS 2.0 prototype completed in FY13
 - Variable Oxygen Regulator flammability testing completed at White Sands Test Facility
 - FY14 work includes integrated metabolic and functional testing and fabrication of a PLSS/MACES integration kit will be completed in FY14



Variable Oxygen Regulator
Testing at WSTF

MACES with PLSS
and EVA Suit Kit



Liquid Cooling and Ventilation Garment
Heated Manikin in Space Suit Simulator

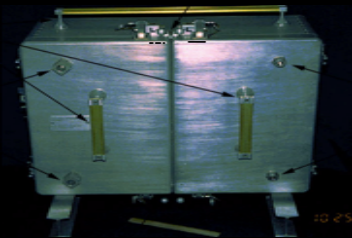


EVA Accommodations for Crewed Mission



EVA Tether Points

- Hand-over-hand translation
- Temporary restraint of tools
- Management of loose fabric folds

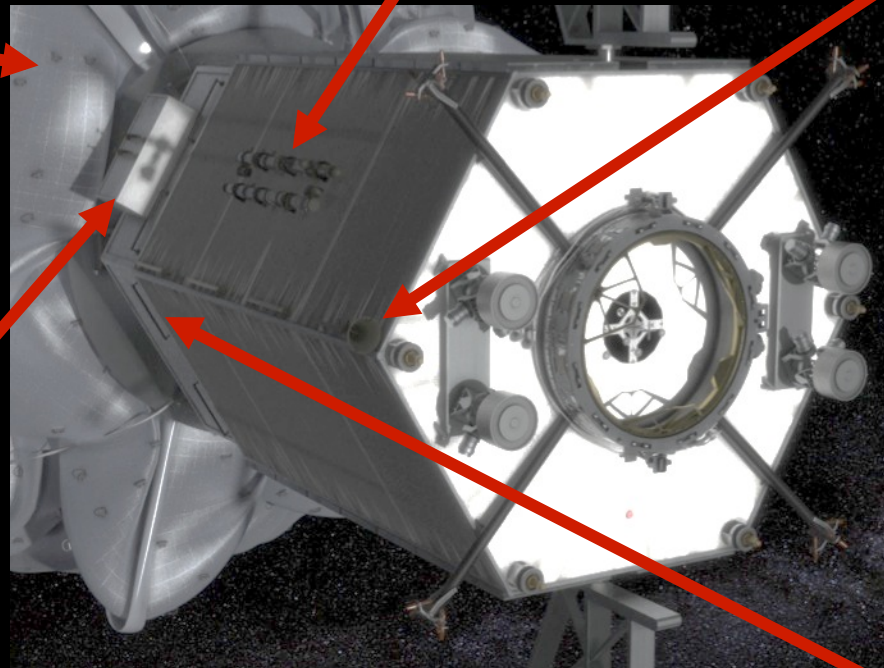


Pre-positioned EVA Tool Box

- Tool box to offset Orion mass (85kg tools)

EVA Translation Booms

- Translation Booms for Asteroid EVA



EVA Translation Attach Hardware

- Circumference of Mission Module at base of Capture System and ARRV-Orion Interface



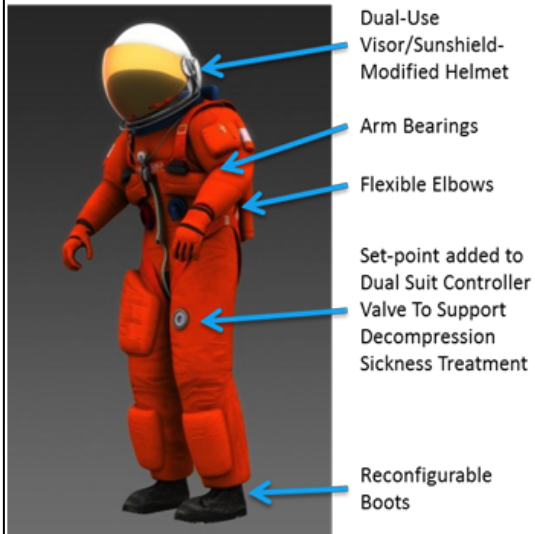
Hand Rails

- Translation path from aft end of ARRV to capture bag
- Ring of hand rails around ARRV near capture bag

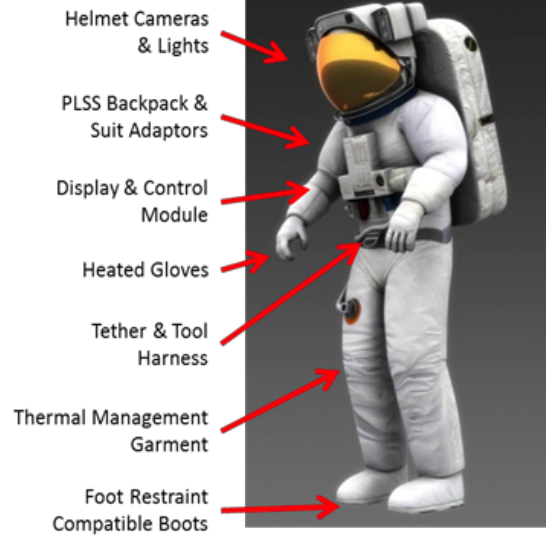
Mission Kit Concept Enables Affordable Crewed Mission



Enhanced MACES (launch and entry configuration)



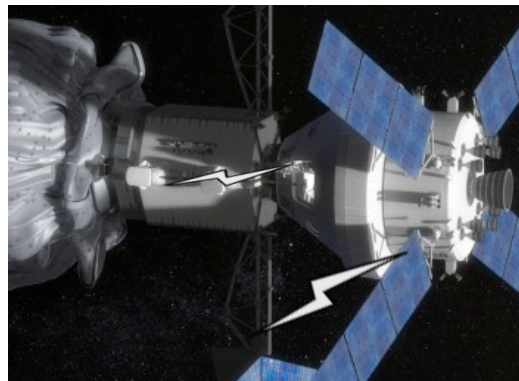
PLSS MACES (EVA configuration)



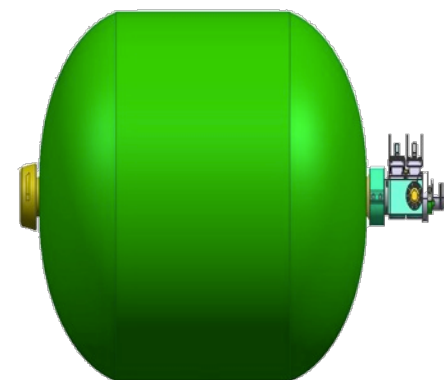
Tools & Translation Aids



Sample Container Kit



EVA Communications Kit



Repress Kit